GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2068
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004
LOW LITERACY RATE OF PRIMITIVE TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the primitive tribal groups, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government is aware about the low literacy rate of such primitive tribal groups;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of schemes proposed to be introduced to provide them proper education so that the literacy rate among them is increased?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) State -wise details as to the names of the Primitive Tribal Groups and their population as per 1961, 1971, 1981 and 1991 Census are enclosed at Annexure. The population figures of Primitive Tribal Groups as per 2001 Census have not yet been published.

(b) Yes, Sir. Low level of literacy is one of the criteria for categorizing certain tribal communities as Primitive Tribal Groups.

(c) The level of literacy among Primitive Tribal Groups is low due to their Economic backwardness, Geographical isolation, shyness of contact with communities at large and poor infrastructure in far flung tribal areas.

(d) Various Schemes/Programmes for the Socio-Economic and educational development of Primitive Tribal Groups are being implemented since Fifth Five-Year Plan. The Schemes namely Grant under Ariticle 275(1), Construction of Boy`s Hostel, Girl`s Hostel, Book Banks, Post Matric Scholarships, Educational Complex in low literacy pockets, Grants-in-Aid to NGOs are also being implemented for the educational development of tribals including Primitive Tribal Groups. Besides, an exclusive Scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups has also been introduced in 1998-99 which provides financial assistance for Socio-economic and Educational development of Primitive Tribal Groups.

In order to provide social security to group of PTGs, the Ministry had decided to provide them benefits up insurance courage under `Janshree Scheme of Life Insurance Corporation of India in a phased manner.

Annexure-1

In reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2068 for answer on 14.10.2004 asked by Shri Jual Oram regarding `Low Literacy Rate of Primitive Tribes`.

PRIMITIVE TRIBAL GROUPS AND THEIR POPULATION IN INDIA FROM 1961 TO 1991

(Figures in actual)

States/UTs.	Name of P.T.G.	Population			
		1961	1971	1981	1991
Andhra Pradesh	1.Chenchu	17609	24178	28434	40869
	2.Bodo Gadaba	21840	25108	27732	33127
	3.Gutob Gadaba				
	4.Dongria Khond	21754	34382	39408	66629
	5.Kultia Khond				
	6.Kolam	16731	26498	21842	41254
	7.Konda Reddi	35439	42777	54685	76391
	8.Kondasavara	28189			
	9.Bondo Porja				
	10.Khond Porja	9350	12347	16479	24154

	11.Parengi Porja			
	12.Thoti	546	1785	1388	3654
	Total	123269	195264	189968	286078
Bihar (Including Jharakhand)					
	13.Asur	5819	7026	7783	9623
	14.Birhor	2438	3461	4377	8083
	15.Birjia	4029	3628	4057	6191
	16.Hill Kharia	108983	127002	141771	151634
	17.Korwa	21162	18717	219940	24871
	18.Mal Paharia	45423	48636	79322	86790
	19.Parhaiya	12268	14651	24012	30421
	20.Sauria Paharia	55605	59047	39269	48761
	21.Savar	1561	3548	3014	4264
	Total	257289	285719	325545	370638
Gujarat	22.Kolgha	-	29464	62232	82679
	23.Kathodi	-	2939	2546	4773
	24.Kotwalia	-	12902	17759	19569
	25.Padhar	-	4758	10587	15896
	26.Siddi	-	4482	5429	6336
	Total	-	54545	98553	129253
Karnataka	27.Jenu Kuruba	3623	6656	34747	29371
	28.Koraga	6382	7620	15146	16322
	Total	10005	14276	49893	45693
Kerala	29.Cholanaikayan	-	306	234	-
	30.Kadar	-	1120	1503	2021
	31.Kattunayakan	-	5565	8803	12155
	32.Koraga	-	1200	1098	1651
	33.Kurumba	-	1319	1283	1820
	Total	-	9510	12921	17647
Madhya Prades (including Chhattisagarh)					
	34.Abujh Maria	11115	13000	15500	-
	35.Baiga	-	6194	248949	317549
	36.Bharia	-	1589	1614	-
	37.Birhor	513	738	561	2206
	38.Hill Korwa	23605	67000	19041	-
	39.Kamar	-	13600	17517	20565
	40.Sahariya	174320	207174	281816	332748
	Total	209551	309295	564998	673068
Maharashtra	41.Katkari/Kathodi	-	146785	174602	202203
	42.Kolam	-	56061	118073	147843

43.Maria Gond - 53400 66750 -

Total - 256246 359425 350046

Manipur 44.Maram Naga - 5123 6544 9592

Orissa 45.Chuktia Bhunjia - - - -
46.Birhor - 248 142 825
47.Bondo - 3870 5895 7315
48.Didayi - 3055 1978 5471
49.Dongria Khond - 2676 6067 -
50.Juang - 3181 30876 35665
51.Kharia - 1259 1259 -
52.Kutia Khond - 3016 4735 -
53.Lanjia Saura - 4233 8421 -
54.Lodha - 1598 5100 7458
55.Mankirdia - 133 1005 1491
56.Paudi Bhuyan - 4424 8872 -
57.Saura - 2845 2917 -

Total - 30528 77267 58225

Rajasthan 58.Saharia 23125 26796 40945 59810

Tamil Nadu 59.Irular 79835 89025 105757 138827
60.Kattunayakan 6459 5042 26383 42761
61.Kota 833 1188 604 752
62.Korumba 1174 2754 4354 4768
63.Paniyan 4779 6093 6393 7124
64.Toda 714 930 875 1100

Total 93794 105032 144366 195332

Tripura 65.Riang 56579 64722 84004 111606

Uttar Prades (including Uttaranchal)

66.Buksa - - 31807 34621
67.Raji - - 1087 1728

Total - - 32894 36349

West Bengal 68.Birhor - - 658 855
69.Lodha - 45906 53718 68095
70.Toto - - 675 -

Total - 45906 55051 68950

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

71.Great Andamanese - - 42 32
72.Jarawa - - 31 89
73.Onge - - 97 101
74.Sentinelest - - - 24
75.Shom Pen 71 212 223 131

	Total	71	212	393	377
All India	Grand Total	773704	1403174	2042767	2412664